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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Steve Smith
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Filed: August 26, 2003
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Group Art Unit: 3677
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Examiner: William L. Miller

Date: July 13, 2004

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT in the above-identified patent application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27.
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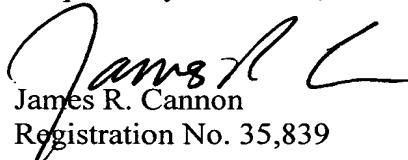
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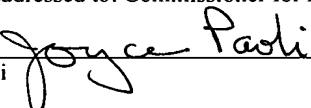

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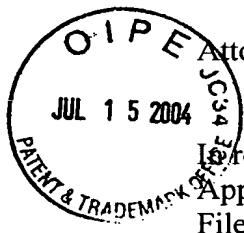
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This response is submitted in reply to the Official Action dated June 1, 2004 ("the Action"). In the Action, the Examiner required an election from the following species:

Species I - Figures 3-6;
Species II - Figure 7; and
Species III - Figure 8.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Species I. As independent Claim 24 is identified as being exclusive to species III, Applicant hereby withdraws Claim 24 as is reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 below. The Action also states that no independent claims read on Species II or are generic. Based on the prior examination of this application, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-28 and 30-32 are now in condition for allowance.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.